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SUBJECT: SENIOR PERUVIAN MILITARY OFFICERS IN CUBA

1. LIMA PRESS REPORTS NOVEMBER 24 THAT ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF AND PRIME MINISTER-DESIGNATE, GEN. FRANCISCO MORALES BERMUDEZ, LEFT PREVIOUS DAY FOR 48-HOUR VISIT TO CUBA HEADING SPECIAL GOP DELEGATION WHICH WILL VIEW CLOSING OF CUBAN MILITARY MANEUVERS, HELD TO COMEMMORATE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF AYACUCHO. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO PERU, ANTONIO NUNEZ.

2. COMMENT: HIGH LEVEL VISITS TO CUBA ARE NOW ROUTINE. ALSO IN CUBA AT THIS TIME TO VIEW MANEUVERS IN LARGE DELEGATION COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF ALL PERUVIAN ARMED SERVICES. THIS DELEGATION IS HEADED BY GEN. CESAR YEPEZ, WHO POSSIBLY WILL BE NEXT AIR MINISTER, AND INCLUDES ADM. GUILLERMO FAURA, PROBABLE SUCCESSOR TO NAVY MINISTER ARCE. CUBANS, ESPECIALLY THROUGH AMB. NUNEZ, ARE WORKING VERY HARD TO DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH MILGOV, WHICH STANDS OUT AS CUBA'S CLOSEST ALLY, IDEOLOGICALLY, IN LATIN AMERICA.
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